

**No. R-288. House concurrent resolution honoring Marion Paris for her 46-plus years of dedicated public service working with families and children.**

(H.C.R.215)

Offered by: Representative Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, Marion Paris has a special empathy for the plight of children and families in crisis, and

Whereas, for four and one-half decades, Marion Paris was a staff member at the Department for Children and Families (DCF) and its predecessor offices, and

Whereas, in the performance of her duties, Marion Paris combined compassion and a thorough appreciation of children's best interests, and

Whereas, Marion Paris was known for often working far beyond the call of duty, to be certain she extended every effort to assist a child, and

Whereas, she arranged for thousands of youngsters to be placed in residential treatment centers or community-based wrap-around centers, and

Whereas, her colleagues in State government appreciated Marion Paris's true commitment to her often emotionally challenging duties, and

Whereas, these sensitive assignments were completed in close collaboration with colleagues from the Department of Mental Health and the Agency of Education, and

Whereas, a superb example of Marion Paris's devotion to children was her major role in establishing a golf tournament that raises funds for educational programs benefiting foster youth, and

Whereas, Marion's dedication to this project has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars and has involved many hours of her own time, and

Whereas, in recognition of her essential role in the tournament's continuing success, the event has been named the "Marion Paris Tournament," and

Whereas, in 2014, she was selected as the DCF Employee of the Year, and Governor Shumlin praised her work enthusiastically at the award's presentation, and

Whereas, when Marion Paris announced her retirement from a fulfilling career that lasted 46 years, 2 months, and 11 days, she commented that she would not trade one moment of it for an alternative life's path, and

Whereas, the career record of accomplishment has few parallels in State Government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marion Paris for her 46-plus years of dedicated public service working with families and children, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marion Paris.